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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT NYERERE TO PRESIDENT
CARTER DELIVERED TO ME FEBRUARY 18. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY
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2. BEGIN TEXT:

17TH FEBRUARY, 1977

HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER,
THE WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
U.S.A.

DEAR PRESIDENT CARTER,

ALTHOUGH IT IS RATHER LATE, I AM WRITING TO THANK YOU FOR
SENDING AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG TO REPRESENT THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AT OUR CELEBRATIONS EARLIER THIS MONTH, AND
FOR THE MESSAGE OF GOODWILL WHICH HE BROUGHT FROM YOU. AS
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I SAID TO SECRETARY VANCE, WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR GESTURE IN
ALLOWING AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO JOIN US IN ZANZIBAR SO IMMEDIATELY
AFTER HE TOOK UP HIS DUTIES IN YOUR ADMINISTRATION, AND WE RECOG-
NIZE THIS AS AN INDICATION OF YOUR DESIRE FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH
TANZANIA, AND FOR COOPERATION ON ALL MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.
I WOULD LIKE TO RETTERATE THAT WE, ON OUR PART, ARE ALSO ANXIOUS TO
STRENGTHEN THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, AND THAT

WE AGREE WITH YOU THAT THIS CAN BEST BE DONE BY THE MAINTENANCE
OF CLOSE CLOSE CONTACT BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS.

I HAD A VERY USEFUL DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG BEFORE
HE LEFT DAR ES SALAAM, AND I AM SURE THAT HE HAS REPORTED TO YOU
THE VIEWS I EXPRESSED TO HIM. THERE IS LITTLE FOR ME TO ADD JUST
NOW, EXCEPT PERHAPS TO SAY THAT I DO NOT THINK WE HAVE MUCH TIME
IF THE RHODESIAN TALKS ARE EVER TO BE RESUMED BETWEEN THE BRITISH
AND THE NATIONALISTS. I DO REALISE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MAY
HAVE A POLITICAL PROBLEM WITH THEIR OPPOSITION IN PARLIAMENT IF THEY
RESUME THE RHODESIAN CONFERENCE IN THE FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT IAN
SMITH WILL NOT BE PRESENT; BUT IF THERE IS TO BE A CHANCE OF A
POLITICAL SETTLEMENT AT ANY TIME I SEE NO OTHER WAY FORWARD. THE
FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE IS A NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT; IT IS
WITH THE NATIONALISTS THAT THE BRITISH NEED TO REACH POLITICAL
AGREEMENT. THE MINORITY REGIME WILL REMAIN A PROBLEM, BUT
A POLITICAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COLONIAL POWER AND THE FORCES
WHICH WILL CONSTITUTE THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT COULD HELP US ALL TO
DEAL WITH IT.

YOU MAY BE CONFIDENT THAT I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN -
ON THIS OR OTHER SUBJECTS - WHENEVER THIS COULD INCREASE UNDER-
STANDING BETWEEN US. AND I SHALL ALWAYS BE VERY HAPPY TO HEAR
FROM YOU, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH AMBASSADOR SPAIN. FURTHER,
I KNOW THAT MY NEW MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL BE MAKING
CONTACT WITH SECRETARY VANCE AT AN EARLY STAGE.

IN THE MEANTIME I SEND YOU MY PERSONAL GOOD WISHES.

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YOURS SINCERELY,

JULIUS K. NYERERE

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